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In re application of

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For: **PACKING MATERIAL FOR SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION AND SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION METHOD**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002. Please note that February 15-17, 2003, was a weekend followed by a U.S. holiday, and February 18, 2003, was a severe weather closure day at the Patent Office, such that the Amendment due on February 15, 2003, was timely filed on February 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

A) 2. (Amended) A packing material for solid phase extraction, comprising a synthetic polymer obtained by copolymerizing a hydrophobic monomer (A) which comprises an aromatic divinyl compound and a hydrophilic monomer (B) which comprises a (meth)acrylic acid ester of

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